
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the Rockport City Council will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in person at the Training Room of the Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas with social distancing guidelines and using the video conferencing application ZOOM. A temporary suspension of the Open Meetings Act to allow telephone or video conference public meetings has been granted by Governor Greg Abbott. These actions are being taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding meetings that bring people into a group setting and in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code. **Video conferencing capabilities will be utilized to allow individuals to address the City Council. Members of the public can participate in the meeting remotely via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86470358823> or scan the QR code to the right.**



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the attorney general has said: “statutes that may be interpreted to require face-to-face interaction between members of the public and public officials are suspended; provided, however, that the governmental bodies must offer alternative methods of communicating with their public officials.” Public participation is valued and citizens wishing to express their views on any topic or agenda item can electronically submit a citizen participation form in order to register to speak by going to <https://rockport.seamlessdocs.com/f/CouncilCitizenParticipation> or scanning the QR code to the right, or if attending the meeting in person register at the meeting. Using the same form, citizens can also provide written comments to the City Secretary by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. The Mayor will read the comments and they will be summarized in the minutes of the meeting.



The matters to be discussed and acted upon are as follows:

Opening Agenda

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Citizens to be heard.

At this time, comments limited to three (3) minutes will be taken from the audience from persons who have signed the speaker’s card located on the table in the back of the Training Room of the Service Center and delivered to the City Secretary before the meeting begins, or written comments received by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting, on any subject matter that is not on the agenda, will be read by the Mayor and summarized in the minutes of the meeting. Persons wishing to address the Council and who have registered using the Citizen Participation Form will have up to three minutes to speak. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not discuss or take action on any item that has not been posted on the agenda. While civil public criticism is not prohibited; disorderly conduct or disturbance of the peace as prohibited by law shall be cause for the chair to terminate the offender’s time to speak.

Consent Agenda

All consent agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

4. Deliberate and act to confirm Mayoral appointment to Planning & Zoning Commission.

5. Deliberate and act on Resolution authorizing publication of delinquent taxpayers' names.

Public Hearing

6. Conduct a Public Hearing on a proposal to possibly increase solid waste, water, wastewater and natural gas rates for all customers.

Regular Agenda

7. Deliberate and act on first reading of an Ordinance amending Article 4 of the City of Rockport Zoning Ordinance Number 1027 by changing the zoning of land located at 1906 Mallard Drive; also known as; 0.153 acres of land remaining out of Lot No. 38, Block No. 1, West Terrace Acres Subdivision Unit 1, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, from R-1 (1st Single Family Dwelling District) to B-1 (General Business District) to develop office and warehouse space; repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.
8. Deliberate and act on first reading of an Ordinance amending Article 4 of the City of Rockport Zoning Ordinance Number 1027 by changing the zoning of land located at 1502 Sixteenth Street; also known as Lot 53, Block 251, Swickheimer Subdivision, being 10.014 acres, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas; from R-1 (1st Single Family Dwelling District) to R-2M (Manufactured Housing District); repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.
9. Deliberate and act on award of bid for sale of property on Young Street. Deliberate and act on first reading of an Ordinance of the City of Rockport, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to sign the appropriate deed(s) and other such closing documents as required to sell Lot 5-R, Block 115, Doughty and Mathis Division, being 0.287 acres according to the replat recorded in Volume 7, Page 149, Plat Records of Aransas County Texas, also known as 1017 Young Street; and providing for an effective date.
10. Deliberate and act on first reading of an Ordinance amending the City of Rockport Code of Ordinances Chapter 102 "Utilities", Article II. "Water Service", Division 3. "Service Charges" by Amending Water Rates for all Customers; Providing for the Validity of Said Ordinance; Repealing all Prior Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; and Providing for an Effective Date.
11. Deliberate and act on first reading of an Ordinance amending the City of Rockport Code of Ordinances Chapter 102 "Utilities", Article III. "Wastewater Service", Division 4. "Service Charges" by Amending Wastewater Rates for all Customers; Providing for the Validity of Said Ordinance; Repealing all Prior Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; and Providing for an Effective Date.
12. Deliberate and act on first reading of an Ordinance amending the City of Rockport Code of Ordinances Chapter 102 "Utilities", Article V. "Natural Gas Service", Division 3. "Service Charges" by Amending Natural Gas Rates for all Customers; Providing for the Validity of Said Ordinance; Repealing all Prior Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; and Providing for an Effective Date.

13. Deliberate and act on first reading of an Ordinance amending the City of Rockport Code of Ordinances, Chapter 82 “Solid Waste” Article II. “Refuse Collection”, Section 82.39 “Fee Schedule” Setting New Fees For Service; Repealing all Prior Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; and Providing for Publication and an Effective Date.

14. Deliberate and act on presentation of proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget.

15. Deliberate and act by taking record vote on proposed 2021 ad valorem property tax for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget and scheduling dates for two required public hearings on proposed tax rate.

16. Hear and deliberate on status of COVID-19 and response efforts.

17. Reports from Council.

At this time, the City Council will report/update on all committee assignments, which may include the following: Aransas County Alliance Local Government Corporation; Aransas Pathways Steering Committee; Building and Standards Commission; Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program; Coastal Bend Council of Government; Coastal Bend Mayors Group; Park & Leisure Services Advisory Board; Planning & Zoning Commission; Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce; Aransas County Storm Water Management Advisory Committee; Swimming Pool Operations Advisory Committee; Tourism Development Council; Tree & Landscape Committee; YMCA Development Committee; Texas Maritime Museum, Fulton Mansion, Rockport Center for the Arts, Aransas County, Aransas County Independent School District, Aransas County Navigation District, Town of Fulton, and Texas Municipal League. No formal action can be taken on these items at this time.

18. Adjournment.

Special Accommodations

This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary’s office at (361) 729-2213, ext. 225 or FAX (361) 790-5966 or email citysec@cityofrockport.com for further information. Braille is not available. The City of Rockport reserves the right to convene into executive session under Government Code §§ 551.071-551.074 and 551.086.

Certification

I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas on Friday, August 6, 2021, by 5:00 p.m. and on the City’s website at www.cityofrockport.com. I further certify that the following News Media were properly notified of this meeting as stated above: *The Rockport Pilot* and *Corpus Christi Caller Times*.


Teresa Valdez, City Secretary